

**Office of Energy Resources/Distributed Generation Contracts Board**

**Public Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of Ceiling Prices Presentation**

**Thursday, November 14, 2013 9:00 - 11:00 A.M**

**RI Department of Administration 2nd Floor - Conference Room B**

**Attendees:** Chris Kearns, Ken Payne, Hannah Morini, Sharon Conrad Wells, Seth Handy, Mark DeGasquale, Anthony Paolantonio, Kara Kimartin, Barry Wenskowicz, Corinne Abrams

The meeting started at 9:06 a.m.

Ken Payne welcomed the stakeholders to this second public meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the ceiling prices for the 2014 DG program.

**Sustainable Energy Advantage Presentation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of Proposed Ceiling Prices**

Jason Gifford provided an update on the process that they were utilizing on behalf of the Board in collecting and developing the ceiling prices.

Jason discussed what changes were made to the ceiling prices from the first public meeting, and having additional conversations with stakeholders after the October meeting occurred.

Jason noted that the interconnection costs, monetization of the federal tax benefits and updates to the forecast of post-contract value of production (energy, capacity and \$RECs) were adjusted in the modeling.

The ceiling price adjustments resulted in solar prices decreasing by 4 to 6 percent, and the wind turbine ceiling price increasing by 13 percent.

There were no adjustments made to the anaerobic digestion and small scale hydropower renewable energy classes.

The Sustainable Energy Advantage presentation can be seen with the attached meeting minutes.

**Public Comments Received**

- Can the ceiling price technology sizes be adjusted at this stage of the process, or has that opportunity passed.
- Reducing the monetization of the federal renewable energy tax credits to 80% wind are appreciated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the ceiling prices.

- Additional work needs to be done on the wind turbine ceiling price for the interconnection and capacity factor costs. The ceiling price needs to take into account further RI data from various projects that have been installed.
- Anaerobic digestion is still a fairly new technology to the DG program and there are concerns about the proposed interconnection costs in the ceiling price.
- Anaerobic interconnection cost assumption may be too low for projects in 2014. There was an issue encountered with the interconnection costs for an anaerobic digestion project being pursued in North Kingstown.

Ken Payne indicated that SEA would take in these additional comments received today and determine if any additional adjustments would be made to the ceiling prices.

Ken made the request that Jason and SEA present one final presentation on the developed 2014 ceiling prices, and any additional adjustments made to the Board at the next meeting in early December.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.